



- provides financial support to private or municipal owners of conserved lands for active habitat management,
- 2. develops partnerships for landscape scale habitat management, and
- 3. expands wildlife associated public recreation opportunities on these lands.

- Funds are available to create, restore, or manage wildlife lands on both municipal and private conserved lands
  - Improve habitat(s) for species that can be legally hunted, fished, or trapped in MA.
  - Manage habitat(s) for Species of Greatest Conservation Need as identified in the 2015 Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) – special emphasis on State-Endangered, State-Threatened Species, and State-Special Concern.
  - Expand public recreational opportunities for hunting, fishing, and trapping on conserved lands.

- Grant awards between \$10,000 and \$50,000
- Equipment purchases must not exceed 10% of total project Grant and no single equipment purchase may exceed \$1,000
- The Grantee is responsible for compliance with all applicable State and Local Regulations
- Project costs are reimbursed through the Grant

- No match requirement
- Any revision to the Scope of Services of the project must be approved by MassWildlife
- Projects must be completed by June 30, 2016
- There will be NO EXTENSIONS

- Long list of eligible activities: Direct costs of natural on the ground habitat improvements specifically designed to benefit wildlife will be eligible for reimbursement. All costs must be pre-approved before the work is initiated in the agreed upon contract budget to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Longer list of ineligible activities: Costs that are determined by MassWildlife review as not allowable will not be eligible for reimbursement.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

 All grant materials including the RFP and all attachments and forms must be accessed through COMMBUYS.

### **COMMBUYS**

- Go to <u>www.commbuys.com</u>
- At the bottom of the main page click on
   Contract and Bid Search, click on the Bids
   button, in the Bid Description box type Habitat
   Management Grant and then click find it.

# **Example of a Good Project**



## **Proposal Details**

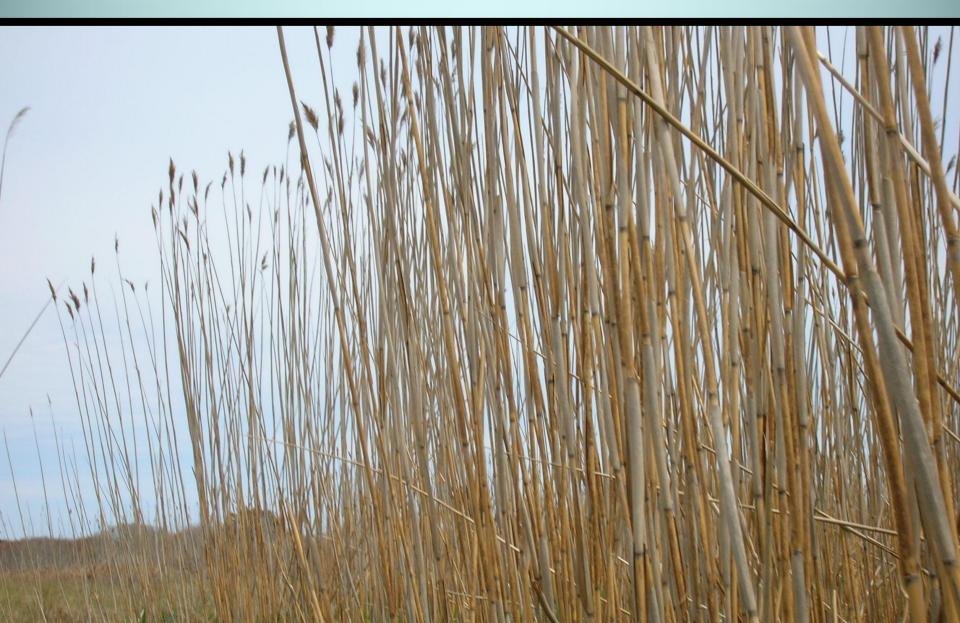
- Project Title
- Applicant Information
- Property Location and Description
- Size and Description of the Project area to be managed
- List Species benefiting
- Specific Management
- Expected Benefit to Species
- Expected Public Benefit and Outreach/Collaborations Efforts

# Applications must be postmarked on or before Monday November 30, 2015

Mail to:

MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant Program
Attn: James Burnham
MassWildlife Field Headquarters
One Rabbit Hill Road
Westborough, MA 01581

## **BMPS FOR INVASIVES**



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COMMBUYS instructions in the handout and at:

Mass.gov/DFW/Habitat-Grant

Habitat Grant Informational Meeting November 3 at 7:00 P.M. MassWildlife Field Headquarters